

1 Introduced by Council Member Pittman:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2021-266**

5 A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING THE DUVAL
6 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD FOR
7 CELEBRATING SOIL AND WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK
8 APRIL 25TH - MAY 2ND, 2021; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
9 DATE.
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11 **WHEREAS**, the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District Board
12 (SWCD) was created on July 10, 1953, under the authority created by
13 the Soil Conservation Act, passed by the Florida Legislature in 1937.
14 The Duval SWCD was organized by concerned citizens of Duval County
15 to help landowners and users to conserve land, water, forests,
16 wildlife, and related natural resources. The current mission of the
17 Duval SWCD is to plan, facilitate, and implement programs, projects,
18 and practices that help conserve the natural resources throughout
19 Duval County; and

20 **WHEREAS**, in 1955, the National Association of Conservation
21 Districts began a national program to encourage Americans to focus
22 on stewardship. The Stewardship Program relies on conservation
23 districts sharing and promoting stewardship and conservation
24 through field days, educational programming, and workshops to educate
25 citizens about the need to care for our natural resources; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Stewardship Week is celebrated annually from the last
27 Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May. This year from April 25th
28 to May 2nd the National Association of Conservation of Districts will
29 celebrate the theme which is, "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities".
30 Also, it is recognized as one of the world's largest conservation-
31 related observances. The activities during the week help to remind

1 us all of the power each person has to conserve natural resources and
2 improve the world. When everyone works together with their local
3 conservation district, that power continuously grows; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Board, which consists of 5 non-partisan elected
5 supervisors who serve at-large, is celebrating the 64th National
6 Observance Week throughout the county. The theme for this year is
7 "Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities." Our security depends on
8 healthy soil and clean water. Effective soil and water conservation
9 practices have helped provide us a rich standard of living. Thus,
10 stewardship calls for each person to help conserve these precious
11 resources; now therefore

12 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

13 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville hereby honors and
14 thanks the Duval Soil and Water Conservation District Board for their
15 work and commitment to the citizens of Duval County to conserve,
16 improve, and sustain its natural resources and encourages all
17 residents to participate in the Stewardship Program activities and
18 commemorates the celebration of Soil and Water Stewardship Week from
19 April 25th to May 2nd, 2021.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Paige H. Johnston

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Richard Distel, City Council Research

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